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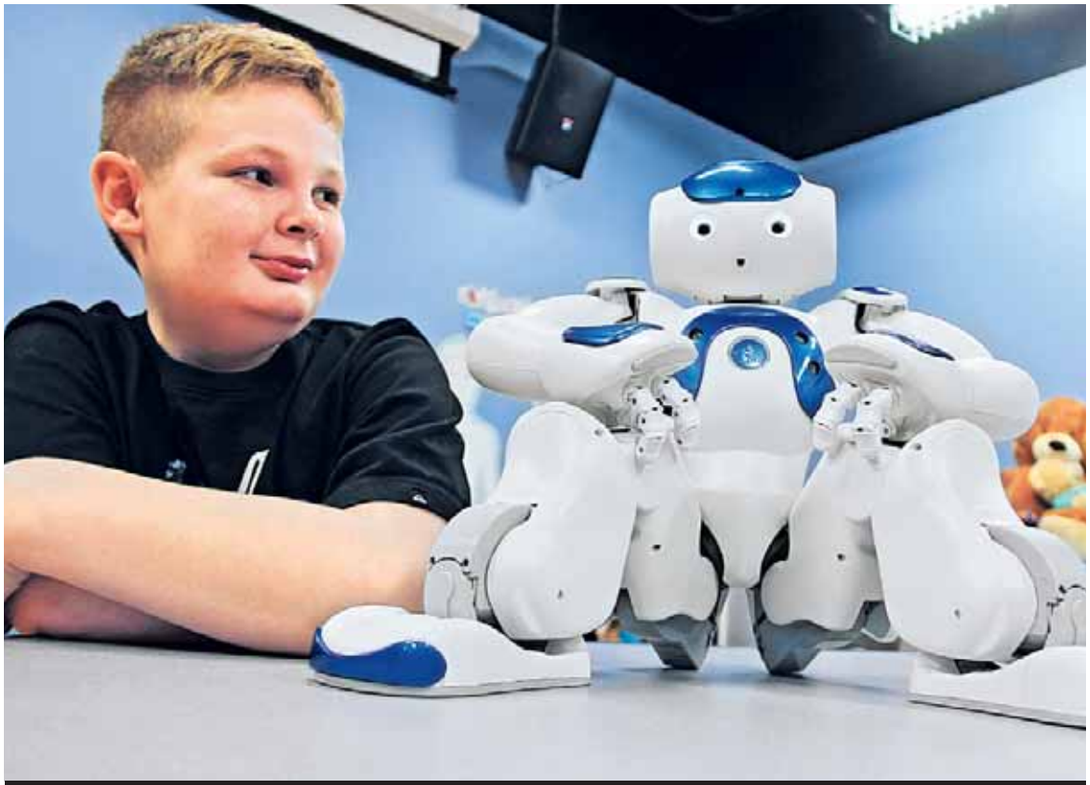

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Nine-year-old Aidan Sousa, a regular visitor to the Alberta Children's Hospital, checks out one of the hospital's four new humanoid robots, known as MEDi. Sousa said the robotic companion has helped reduce pain when getting a needle. See story, page 8. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Council to vote on 'suspending' public art funds

Conflict. Demong calls art a 'luxury,' Pincott calls that view 'facile'

After Calgary curtailed its spending on public art last spring, one councillor is now calling for the Public Art Program to be suspended altogether, describing it as a "luxury" he's not sure the city can now afford.

"To me, the public art is a luxury and we should be looking at what we need to do before we pay for luxuries," Coun. Peter Demong said Wednesday.

Given Alberta's sagging economy and uncertainty surrounding future capital grants from the federal and provincial governments, Demong plans to introduce a motion at Monday's council meeting to suspend "all funding intended for public art" in 2015 and for the Public Art Board to be "temporarily suspended until further notice."

Coun. Brian Pincott, a staunch supporter of public art, was livid at the suggestion the program is a luxury.

"Oh my god, a luxury? A luxury that we have a public realm that people enjoy?" he said. "That's not a luxury."

Pincott noted council already trimmed public art spending last May from its former level of one per cent of the cost of capital projects, opting instead for a "sliding scale" that maxes out at $4 million for a given project.

"This is a yearly assault on the Public Art Program and the assault has been unrelenting through good times and bad times," he said. "To say now we're tight on money is facile and simplistic."

Pincott also said Demong's motion would amount to "killing" the Public Art Program.

"Let's not fool ourselves," he said. "If this passes, it's not coming back."

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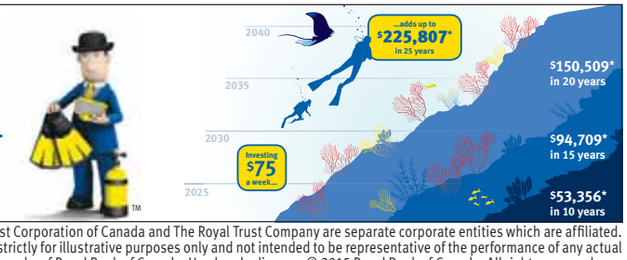

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Alberta skips starter schools for a dozen communities

Education. Province confirms the Calgary, Edmonton areas will get full-sized facilities instead of planned series of modulars

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Alberta Education officials are opting to skip construction of so-called "starter schools" in a dozen Calgary and Edmonton communities and instead will push to erect full facilities that will take just a few months longer.

The province confirmed the move Wednesday, about a week after the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) warned the timeline for erecting any form of facility was getting tight.

The starter schools, the first facilities announced by Premier Jim Prentice and Education Minister Gordon Dirks, were to be made of a series of modulars and be installed in school-strapped Calgary communities.

But representatives with both Calgary's public and Catholic boards, as well as their peer organizations in Edmonton, had expressed fears that the schools wouldn't be up to par for students, especially considering they wouldn't feature traditional gymnasiums or libraries.

On Wednesday, Alberta Education spokeswoman Tamara Magnan confirmed in an email that the starter schools were no more.

"With the best interests of students in mind, we have approved the request by the four metro school boards who were previously approved for 12 starter schools to proceed with full build-out schools instead," Magnan wrote.

"Full schools will accommodate 600 to 900 students, rather than 250 for each starter school, and the entire schools will only require a few extra months to build, so the full schools will be completed in the 2016-17 school year."

CBE trustee Amber Stewart, whose riding includes a previously planned starter middle school in Cranston, said word of the change in plans was "fantastic news" for residents in that community.

"I believe that the community will be excited to see a full school as quickly as it can happen," she said, adding the slight delay would be "a case of short-term pain for very long-term gain."

The news was also welcomed by West Springs mother Jan Nicholson, who has lobbied hard for more facilities for a surging student population in her area. Her community was also originally due for a starter middle school, one that would only be big enough to house students in Grades 5 and 6, but fears emerged that it would then be bumped to the back of the line for a proper facility.

"It's a huge sigh of relief," Nicholson said Wednesday.

West Springs parent advocate Jan Nicholson was pleased to learn Wednesday that her community has been approved for a full-size school. METRO FILE

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Calgary Board of Education trustee chair Joy Bowen-Eyre says she'll be looking into a request by her peers in Edmonton to include sexual-consent education in the Alberta curriculum. METRO FILE

CBE may join lobby for consent education

Sex ed. Edmonton board urges province to add 'missing piece' to the curriculum

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Calgary's top public-school trustee says she'll consult with her colleagues to the north on whether her board should also call for sexual-consent instruction in the Alberta curriculum.

On Tuesday, Edmonton Public School trustees voted in favour of sending a letter to Alberta Education advocating such a move. Representative Orville Chubb raised the issue, stating consent is a "missing piece" in the current curriculum, which is being redesigned.

On Wednesday, Calgary Board of Education trustee chair Joy Bowen-Eyre said she'll talk with her Edmonton peers about what she described as an important topic.

"We're certainly finding out why they brought it up and we're looking at it more in-depth," she said, later adding, "We don't have a plan or position on it yet."

Bowen-Eyre attended Catholic school growing up and said sexual education was generally focused around human anatomy, adding her own kids get a "better level" of information on the matter in school these days.

Even still, Emily Leedham with the University of Calgary's Consent Awareness and Sexual Education Club (CASE) said many students arrive at post-secondary with little understanding of what's considered sexual assault.

"Anybody's capable of it if they're not taught to respect someone else's boundaries," she said. "We do the best we can to try to educate university students, but really, it's almost too late. It needs to happen earlier.... They should have complex sexual education that includes consent and where they understand that they have autonomy over their own bodies and they should respect the autonomy of others over their own body."

Calgary Catholic School District spokeswoman Tania Younker said her organization works with "key stakeholders" to update sexual-education curriculum when required.

"Then we make sure that it's built with the Catholic perspective," she said. "This particular piece (consent) would probably fit in, but we haven't gone so far as to lobby for it."

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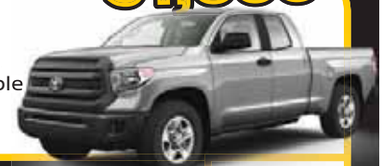

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Province looking at reviving health premiums: Minister

Deficit. Campbell also says bringing in health statements could help Albertans understand the $18-billion annual cost of health care

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The province's finance minister said Wednesday he's giving serious consideration to bringing back health-care premiums and even instituting "health statements" to help Albertans understand the cost of the system.

Faced with a substantial deficit, Robin Campbell said he is considering a number of options to raise revenue and many Albertans have long told him that eliminating the premiums was a mistake.

"We have had people continue to bring that forward over the last number of years, asking, 'Why did we get the rid of them in the first place?'" he said.

The premium was worth roughly $1 billion to provincial coffers before it was eliminated.

Campbell said he would only bring in premiums and statements if they wouldn't be expensive to administer.

"I don't want to bring anything in that is going to be an administrative burden," he said.

Campbell said the $18-billion annual cost of health care is almost too large to comprehend, but he believes health statements would help people understand the cost.

"I even have trouble myself wrapping my head around what a billion dollars is, but if people have a statement and can actually see that I went to the doctor and this is what it costs, it's an education process," he said.

Finance Minister Robin Campbell says he is considering a number of options to raise revenue as Alberta deals with a substantial deficit. METRO FILE

Campbell said an online survey the province set up, which includes a question on premiums, has received 27,000 responses.

He said he doesn't yet know if people in the survey endorsed the premiums.

Police. Privacy watchdogs issue recommendations on body-worn cameras

Privacy commissioners from across Canada are asking police agencies to think twice before equipping their officers with body-worn cameras.

On Wednesday, the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, alongside commissioners from several provinces, including Alberta's Information and Privacy Commissioner Jill Clayton, said clear guidelines and policies must be in place to protect members of the public.

Some of the issues highlighted in the recommendations, referred to as a "guidance document," were ensuring safeguards are in place to protect recorded footage, alongside criteria for operation that would minimize recording of innocent bystanders.

"This document will help public bodies and other organizations that are thinking about implementing this technology to identify and address access and privacy issues," said Clayton in a release.

In a previous interview, Calgary Police Service spokesman Kevin Brookwell told Metro the body-worn camera project is being conducted with privacy as one of the utmost concerns.

In numbers

550

Once the program is fully rolled out, the CPS hopes to have 550 officers equipped with the cameras.

"We have taken into context the privacy concerns and lessons learned from other jurisdictions and other stakeholders," said Brookwell.

"Within the Calgary Police Service we have a full-time freedom of information and protection of privacy office that has provided oversight and input into the policy and training with regards to body-worn cameras," he said.

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Kristopher Guenther

Man strangled his ex-fiancée: Crown

The Crown says a Calgary man accused of killing his ex-fiancée admitted to multiple people that he strangled her.

Kristopher (Tray) Guenther has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the death of his ex-fiancée, 20-year-old Lacey Jones McKnight, in a basement in October 2012.

The Crown said Wednesday in its opening arguments at the start of the trial that 30-year-old Guenther tied Jones-McKnight's hands and feet, taped her mouth shut and placed a plastic bag over her head and choked her to death.

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Hospital reveals robotic buddies

MEDi. Medicine and Engineering Designing Intelligence aims to ease stress and anxiety for young patients

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Getting a needle has never been so fun.

Four new robots at the Alberta Children's Hospital are now helping young patients stay calm as they get a blood test or needle, causing less pain for youngsters and less stress for nurses.

On Wednesday, officials at the children's hospital demonstrated one of its new Medicine and Engineering Designing Intelligence (MEDi).

Nine-year-old Aidan Sousa, a regular visitor to the ACH, said the small robot has become his bedside buddy.

"It doesn't hurt as much because you have your mind off the needle," said Aidan, who requires needles every two weeks.

"You're interacting with MEDi and you're just having a good time."

"Before there was MEDi, it was probably really painful and hard to get your mind off the needle and it just really hurt a lot. Since MEDi came along, its been a lot more fun and easier to do."

Aidan's mom Sheila said her son's regular trips to the hospital can be hard on the nine-year-old, but noted the introduction of the humanoid robot is a positive for her son and other young children.

"There isn't an end in sight right now … and there's lots of kids that have procedures every day," she said. "So knowing that there is something out there that just eases it — the stress, the anxiety and sometimes traumatic experiences — is great."

Costing between $15,000 and $20,000, the robots are designed and built by Aldebaran Robotics.

However, the programming to make MEDi a help for health-care professionals was undertaken by Dr. Tanya Beran, a professor of community health sciences at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine.

She said as far as she knows, the ACH is a global pioneer when it comes to the introduction of these bedside robots, adding she feels it's a natural evolution in health care and technology.

"I think we're just starting to catch up now to the possibilities of technology," she said.

"Kids are already wired, they've already got their laptops, their cellphones, their computer devices," Beran said. "Now we're just bringing humanoid robots into an environment where they can actually advantageously help kids."

Nine-year-old Aidan Sousa gets a mock needle from an Alberta Health Services official on Wednesday morning as his robotic companion, MEDi, looks on. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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Mount Royal makes case for a senate, chancellor

Looking to 'build profile.' Move last step toward governing as a proper university

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Mount Royal University president David Docherty. METRO FILE

Five years on, officials at Mount Royal University are angling to take the final step to become just that: a university.

With provincial approval, the institution transformed from college to university in 2009, but its governance model didn't follow suit. Now, administrators are preparing a "business case" that would allow them to establish a senate, elect a chancellor and be given the ability to hand out honorary doctoral degrees.

"There's a level of prestige," said university president David Docherty. "It builds profile; it builds potential fundraising; it builds potential attractiveness for students, I've got to tell you, when you've got someone come in and give a barn-buster of an honorary degree speech. There's a whole lot of things that go along with that, and it comes, quite frankly, at no cost to the government or ourselves."

Docherty said he believes that of publicly funded universities across Canada, only Mount Royal and Edmonton's Grant MacEwan, which also earned its university stripes in 2009, remain without a chancellor and senate.

University chancellors are generally recognized as highly regarded members of the community and preside over graduation ceremonies. The University of Calgary, for example, recently elected astronaut Robert Thirsk to the role.

Dave Beninger served as a student senator at the U of C last year. He said the post-secondary act defines the role "broadly" but he took it as an opportunity to represent students.

Beninger, for example, spoke out against the idea of establishing a third-party college on the U of C's campus to recruit international students.

"If people make the most of it, it can be an influential position," he said. "People can influence others in the community to donate money, and it can also be a way to build campus spirit up. If people are showing real leadership, that's when it's useful."

Mount Royal began building its case for the province in the fall. It's since been approved by the school's general faculties council and will go before its board of governors later this year.

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Police charge man, 23, over taxi theft

Police laid charges against a man after he allegedly stole a taxi and went on a dangerous rampage through southeast Calgary. METRO FILE

Chase. Accused faces charges of dangerous operation of a vehicle, driving without insurance and hit-and-run causing property damage

Calgary police have charged a man in connection with a taxi-theft and dangerous-driving incident Tuesday.

Raymond Edward Bennett, 23, has been charged with two counts of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, theft, driving without insurance and hit-and-run causing property damage.

Police were first called to the 5500 block of Deerpoint Gardens S.E. around 12:20 p.m. for a complaint of three men taking parts off a vehicle. When police arrived, the men fled, and one drove a vehicle through a fence to get to Bow Bottom Trail.

It's then believed he abandoned that vehicle and asked some people to phone him a taxi. Police managed to track down and pull over the taxi on Lake Sylvan Drive S.E., but the man took the wheel and sped off again.

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Crime. Police make arrest in connection with grandparent scams

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Elderly residents in Calgary may feel a little safer answering their phone.

On Feb. 10, city police charged Yann Giasson of Montreal with 10 counts of fraud under $5,000 and 10 counts of theft under $5,000.

Police believe the man was running a "grandparents scam" where he would call an elderly resident, posing as a relative in dire need of money.

"They're all a variation of the same type of story," said Const. Tony Hogendorp with the Calgary Police Service.

"The relative is in distress — 'Please don't tell my dad' or 'Please don't tell my mom' and 'We need the money now, please send it this way,'" he said.

"They're very sophisticated."

City police worked with several law-enforcement agencies as part of a year-long investigation. They included the RCMP Centre of Operations Linked to Telemarketing Fraud Team (COLT).

In total, officers have received 139 complaints in connection to grandparents scams, resulting in roughly $210,000 in losses for victims.

Hogendorp explained laying charges in these types of cases can be rare, noting that while victim impact can be widespread, tracking down a suspect can be challenging.

"That's why we as police officers are here, is to help the vulnerable people of Calgary," said Hogendorp.

"To be able to stand here and say we've taken the first steps into curbing something like this is ultimately one of the most rewarding parts of the job."

Anyone who has information about this scam or believes they may have been victimized is asked to contact police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers.

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Const. Tony Hogendorp after arresting a Montreal man on 10 counts of fraud

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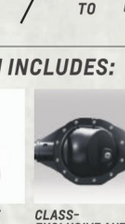

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Weighing new north-central LRT

Transportation. City staff returning to council with refined plans by the end of the year

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Members of Calgary city council weighed four ambitious options for the eventual route of the north-central LRT Wednesday and heard from concerned members of the public about the proposed choices, each carrying its own pros and cons and all coming with price tags over $1 billion.

Senior transit planner Jon Lea cautioned that these are all "high level" estimates and city staff aim to come back to council in December with more refined price projections.

The four options are explained below:

"Option A," the least expensive and slowest choice, one would see the LRT line replace at least one traffic lane on the existing Centre Street bridge, then turn sharply at 3 Avenue and continue south through downtown, partly at-grade but then tunnelling beneath the existing 7 Avenue LRT tracks and the CPR tracks.

"Option B," a mid-price and mid-speed design, would involve some tunnelling below Centre Street North then building a new bridge over the Bow River, west of the Centre Street Bridge, that would continue over top of Prince's Island Park and touch down in Eau Claire, then tunnel beneath the 7 Avenue LRT and CPR tracks.

"Option C" would also involve some tunnelling below Centre Street North and then building the same bridge but, instead of touching down in Eau Claire, the tracks would remain elevated all the way through downtown and over the CPR tracks to 10 Avenue South, including running above +15 walkways along 2 Street SW.

"Option D," the most expensive but fastest option, would involve a long and deep tunnel running all the way from 24 Avenue North, under the Bow River, under downtown, and emerging at 10 Avenue South. This option would mean the LRT station at 9 Avenue North would have to be built roughly 50 metres underground, which presents technical challenges.

Tammy Maloney, president of the Tuxedo Park Community Association, said residents of her community, as well as those in nearby Crescent Heights and Winston-Heights Mountview, favour options B or C.

Community meetings have yielded strong support for some degree of tunnelling under Centre Street, Maloney said, which Option A doesn't include. Option D, by contrast, risks having no station built at 9 Avenue North, she said, and "Crescent Heights requires two stops to meet the needs of residents."

Coun. Druh Farrell described option C with its elevated route — about 15 metres above ground — through downtown as "unacceptable."

"It would really kill the street along there," Farrell said. "I can't imagine living beside a train that's right outside my living-room window."

Coun. Shane Keating said he couldn't support option A unless it somehow "sidestepped" the Centre Street bridge with a parallel bridge or an addition to the existing span.

"I cannot support putting an LRT on the Centre Street bridge," Keating said.

Coun. Sean Chu went so far as to propose eliminating Option A altogether but that idea was voted down by his col-

Options

The estimated construction costs and travel times for the LRT leg from North Pointe to 10 Avenue South:

- **Option A:**
  Construction cost: $1.1 billion
  Travel time: 33 to 35 minutes
- **Option B:**
  Construction cost: $1.3B
  Travel time: 30 to 32 minutes
- **Option C:**
  Construction cost: $1.3B
  Travel time: 30 to 32 minutes
- **Option D:**
  Construction cost: $1.8B
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Britannia Slopes vandalism led to security cameras: Parks

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Calgary's parks manager says the decision to erect security cameras and step up patrols at a contentious construction site in a southwest off-leash area was made after the damage caused by vandals climbed into the tens of thousands of dollars.

"We're well over $40,000 right now and it's still continuing," Doug Marter said Wednesday at the foot of Britannia Slopes, where damage was still visible to a recently built fence penning dogs in a smaller section of the once fully off-leash natural area.

Coun. Brian Pincott reiterated his point that the changes to the park — including fencing along the top of the Britannia Slopes ridge — were necessary to prevent slope erosion, trail braiding and the gradual destruction of the native plants in the riparian area.

"The creep happens over years and you don't really notice it until it's gone," he said. "Thankfully, city parks saw this as a priority, because it is such a valuable regional park."

As for the dog "corral," as many park users have taken to pejoratively calling it, Pincott said it was necessary to prevent conflicts between off-leash dogs and other park users.

But area resident Connie Kirkpatrick said that part of the park has become a "dead zone" since the changes were made.

"Ever since they put the fence up, basically no one's here," she said. "People don't want to use it any more and, if you go up to River Park (on the other side of the Elbow River), that's where everybody is with their dog now, because they have a large off-leash area."

Pincott said the changes were part of the plan for years and the city did extensive public consultation from 2009 to 2011 about it.

The fencing will eventually turn into a "living fence," he added, with shrubbery growing over it.

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"That's including our staff time, and there's probably still other costs that we haven't received yet."

City parks manager Doug Marter on $40,000 cost of vandalism

A dog explores near Britannia Slopes next to a sign post that was apparently uprooted and thrown down the riverbank in one of numerous recent acts of vandalism. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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leagues on the transportation and transit committee.

Coun. Jim Stevenson said he had concerns about both Options A and D, and suggested councillors narrow down the list of options for city staff to pursue further study on.

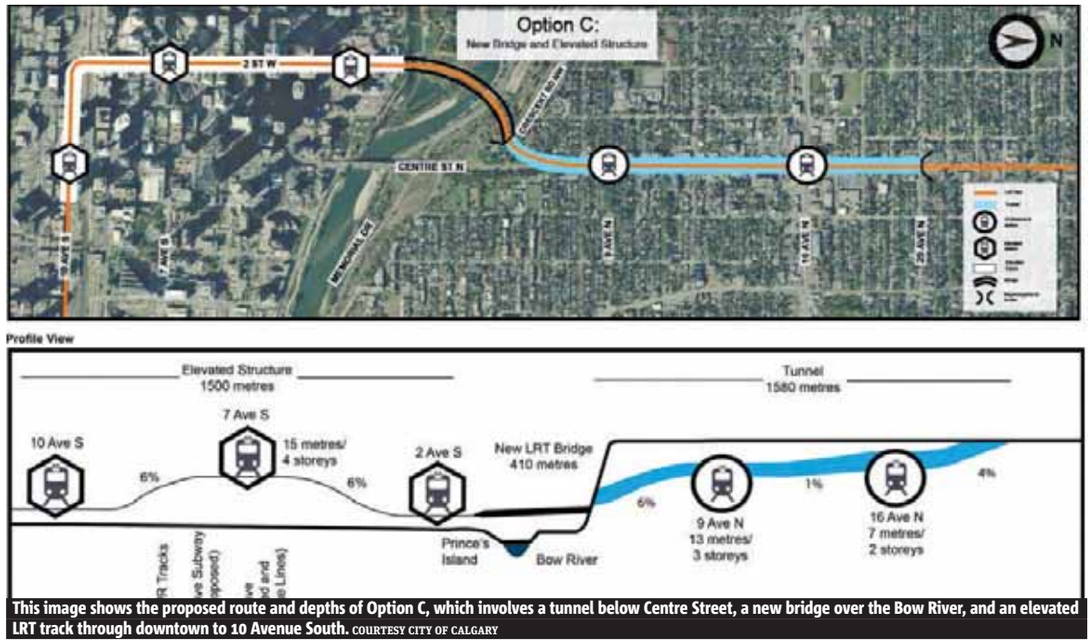
Regardless of how the LRT gets to 10 Avenue South — over or under the CP Rail tracks — the line would then continue on southward, eventually running all the way to Seton in the deep southeast, as part of the eventual "Green Line" of the CTrain system.

The city plans to first build a "transitway" — a dedicated roadway for bus rapid transit — on the southeast leg of the Green Line then eventually add LRT tracks to that right-of-way.

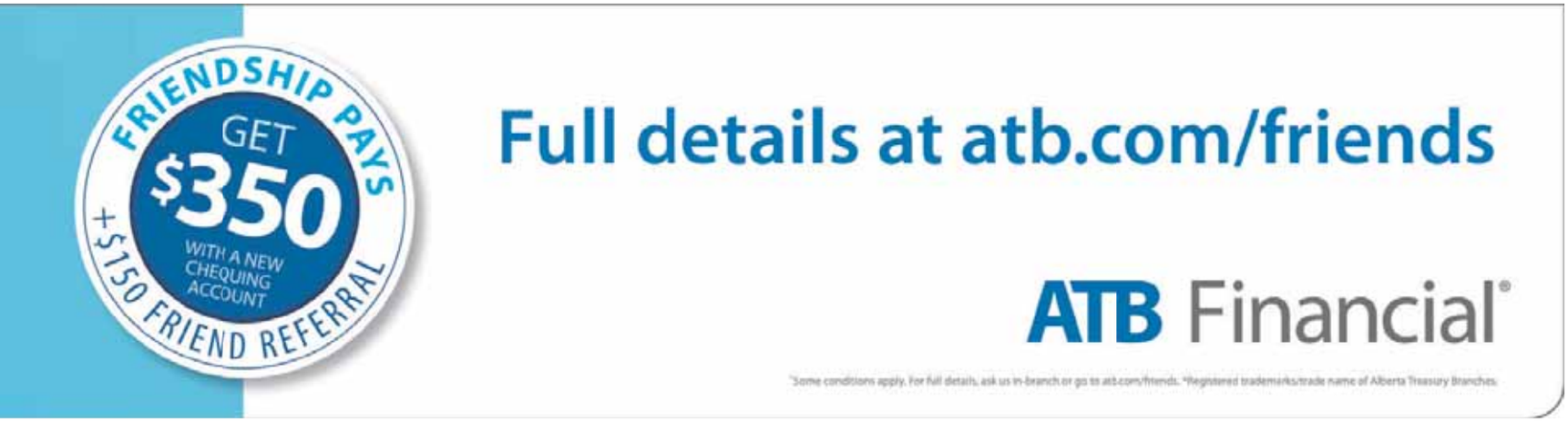
All of these projects will require new funding commitments from the provincial and federal governments, as the total price tag will be in the billions of dollars and the construction time frame in the order of years, if not decades.

Greg Miller, who lives in the south end of the city, told councillors Wednesday he wanted to "congratulate" them for the general alignment choice of the north-central LRT, regardless of which option they select. "It's not just for transit, but it's also an opportunity to revitalize a whole series of communities along the way," he said.

Councillors voted Wednesday to have city transportation planners continue research on all four options and bring more detailed designs along with refined cost and travel-time estimates back to council in December.



This image shows the proposed route and depths of Option C, which involves a tunnel below Centre Street, a new bridge over the Bow River, and an elevated LRT track through downtown to 10 Avenue South. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY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Smartphone app aims to stop distracted drivers

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The Calgary Police Service has put its support behind a Calgary-designed smartphone app with the goal of stopping distracted driving.

Created by AppColony, OneTap, which is only available on Android phones, uses a smartphone's GPS capabilities to determine when you're driving, automatically.

Once enabled, the app will tell those who are calling or texting that its user is driving instantly, allowing motorists to keep focused without worrying about missing a call.

Police chief, Rick Hanson, said distracted driving is a major safety issue, one that goes beyond enforcement, and he believes the new app could be a way to address it through technology.

Local company, AppColony designed an app looking to save lives by discouraging distracted driving. CONTRIBUTED

"The issue is more than just writing people a ticket, the issue is more than demerit points, the issue is best addressed by people who self-regulate," he said.

Hanson said in some cases, people have an obsession with their phone and said the app, which can take that temptation away automatically, "makes perfect sense."

While the app is only available on Android phones, an iOS and French version are in development.

Provincial politics

Former Calgary alderman to seek NDP nomination

A former Calgary alderman hopes to run for the Alberta New Democrats in the next provincial election.

Joe Ceci says he will seek the NDP nomination in the Calgary-Fort constituency.

Ceci made the announcement with party leader Rachel Notley at his side. Calgary-Fort's current legislature member, Wayne Cao, announced last week that he will not seek re-election. There's been widespread speculation that Premier Jim Prentice will call an election for this spring — a year earlier than mandated under provincial law. Ceci served as an alderman between 1995 and 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education. U of C to roll out Alberta's first landscape architecture program

Calgary's biggest university is due to cover new ground with a one-of-a-kind graduate program.

The landscape architecture offering from the University of Calgary will be the first in Alberta — and the first in Canada since 1980.

"This is momentous for the profession in Canada," said the Faculty of Environmental Design's associate dean Beverly Sandalack, in a release.

"There are pressing issues facing society around landscape and sustainability and it is imperative to make our communities more resilient, sustainable, vibrant and healthy."

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Beverly Sandalack, Faculty of Environmental Design's associate dean

Landscape architecture concerns the design of outdoor public areas, landmarks and structures and the U of C's new program will be three years long. METRO

Auditor general. Prentice walks away from questions

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice
DEAN BENNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice is refusing to discuss his decision to defy a legislature committee over funding for the auditor general.

Prentice sparred with reporters at a news conference Wednesday, saying the issue is not about his actions but rather the budget of the auditor general.

"The auditor general of Alberta has the highest total budget, they have the largest number of staff (per capita and) they have the largest payroll," said Prentice.

The auditor general's department, with a $27.3-million budget, has called that an unfair comparison given that its mandate and workload are much broader compared with other provinces.

Reporters asked Prentice three times to address concerns stemming from his announcement last week that he would not honour the decision of the all-party legislative offices committee to restore $546,000 in funding cuts to the auditor general. Three times Prentice refused and ended the questioning by walking out of the room.

For weeks, Prentice has made it clear that all departments are facing reductions because the collapse in oil prices has drained $7 billion from the treasury.

Last week, the auditor general's office appeared before the legislature offices committee, which oversees the budgets of arms-length watchdog agencies such as the auditor general and the ethics commissioner.

At that time, some Tories on the committee joined with the opposition to restore the $546,000 cut, saying they agreed with Auditor General Merwan Saher that it would impair his effectiveness and that the office returns millions of dollars more in found savings.

The next day, Prentice told reporters he would not honour that vote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Local film pros make their Oscar selections

And the winner is...

87th Annual Academy Awards take place this Sunday in Hollywood

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Metro asked a handful of Calgary's hard-working and talented film professionals to take a guess at who would be taking home the top prize in a handful of the categories.

Here's what they think:

Chad Oakes, Producer (Hell on Wheels, Fargo)

Best Picture — Boyhood
It took 12 long years for Richard Linklater to tell this heartfelt story. It will be rewarded by the Academy members who know intimately what it takes to get a film made.

Best Director — Alejandro G. Inarritu (Birdman)
Inarritu is of the truly great directors of our generation. He takes passionate storytelling to the next level.

Best Actor — Michael Keaton (Birdman)
A stellar performance by a great actor and one of the great guys in Hollywood. He proves you can still be in this business, succeed, and not live in L.A.

Best Actress — Julianne Moore (Still Alice)
She's one of the finest actresses in Hollywood and this is a great performing role.

Michelle Morgan, Actor (Heartland)

Best Picture — Birdman
The Oscars are meant to honour great achievement in the art of filmmaking and this movie was so creative, even gymnastic in its use of filmmaking techniques. It's truly a filmmaker's movie.

Best Director — Richard Linklater (Boyhood)
To have the foresight, patience and presence of mind to make a film over 12 years is brilliant.

Best Actor — Steve Carell (Foxcatcher)
He embodies the actor I most respect and aspire toward. The kind that can't be pigeonholed into convenient niches like "comedian," "character actor" or "leading man." To see him make such a dedicated turn in his career with this complex performance is award-worthy.

Best Actress — Marion Cotillard (Two Days, One Night)
I would give this one to Marion Cotillard because she is the most interesting woman on screen these days. Cotillard is smart, talented and so watchable.

Mike Peterson, Director/Producer (Empyrean)

Best Director — Richard Linklater (Boyhood) / Alejandro Inarritu (Birdman)
It's a battle between Linklater and Inarritu: a humanist/naturalist against a high-tech, post-modern stylist. I'll give it to Linklater. The length of his commitment to this film, the vision it took to pull it off and the reminder that emotional truth can be achieved with such straightforwardness is good for film.

Best Actor — Michael Keaton (Birdman)
Michael Keaton is awesome. He always has been. This is a brave and subtle performance that digs into the insecurity of creation and legacy.

Best Actress — Julianne Moore (Still Alice)
Julianne Moore is a brilliant actress and pulled out a few good performances this year. Even though she is only nominated for this one, she also gave a great performance in Maps to the Stars, and I think the cumulative effect will bear fruit. I feel like it's hers to win.

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Premier announces plans to close international offices

Alberta will close trade offices in Chicago, Munich and Ottawa in a bid to save money.

Premier Jim Prentice announced the closure on Wednesday following a review he asked for last year. The changes are expected to save $3.1 million over the next two years.

He said closing the offices is part of the belt-tightening the province needs to do.

"Our province is facing the most significant financial consequences we have in a generation," said Prentice. "The decisions we have made have been difficult decisions."

The province will also suspend plans for international offices in California and Brazil.

Prentice defended the rest of Alberta's international offices, saying they have helped raise awareness of the province and, in cases like the United States, have helped advance Alberta's interests.

In addition to the Washington office, Alberta has offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, New Delhi, Tokyo, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Taipei, Mexico City and London. The province plans to open another office in Guangzhou, China, as part of an effort to focus on emerging markets.

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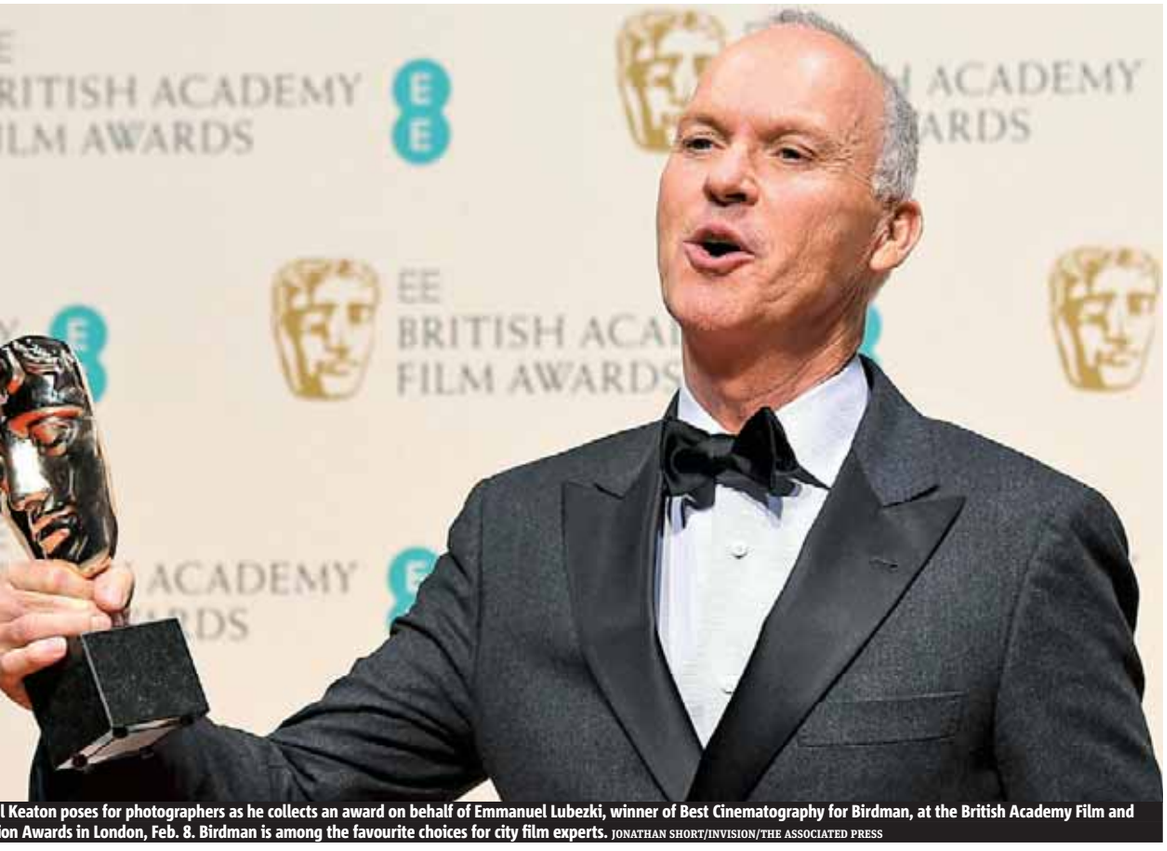

l Keaton poses for photographers as he collects an award on behalf of Emmanuel Lubezki, winner of Best Cinematography for Birdman, at the British Academy Film and ion Awards in London, Feb. 8. Birdman is among the favourite choices for city film experts. JONATHAN SHORT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U of C. Homeless shelters need more funding: Study

A University of Calgary study suggests the Alberta government provide additional support to homeless shelters outside the dead of winter.

The study by the School of Public Policy looked at shelter use by individuals described as "rough sleepers" — people who would normally choose to sleep on the street rather than move inside.

One of the authors, Ron Kneebone, says even though the number of people using the shelters peaks during the dead of winter, there is also a spike in late fall and into the spring.

He says bone-chilling cold is the main reason people move into a shelter, but rain and sleet, along with warmer temperatures, also send the homeless indoors.

Kneebone says the Alberta government works with shelter operators and provides extra money for the winter months but might want to look at extending the assistance into the spring.

He says unpredictable spring weather leads many of Calgary's 3,500 homeless to seek shelter during the worst storms.

"The shelters and the provincial government can learn that just because the cold weather is gone doesn't mean you won't get large, weather-driven spikes in shelter space," said Kneebone.

"Our study shows in Calgary, April is a particularly important month that results in large spikes in people from the street into homeless shelters."

Kneebone said the provincial government and Calgary's seven homeless shelters work closely to determine when the greatest demand will be for shelter use.

"The province provides extra money to shelter operators for the winter months. I'm hoping when they read this study they will extend that extra funding into April," he said.

The study looks only at shelter use in Calgary. Kneebone said similar data should be gathered in other major cities. He said Vancouver, for example, would have a different demand because of the rainfall.

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17 Abbotsford police under investigation

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

British Columbia's Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) is investigating 17 members of the Abbotsford police department for alleged misconduct.

The OPCC, which provides civilian oversight of complaints involving municipal police in B.C., says there have been 148 allegations of misconduct under the province's Police Act against the officers. The OPCC learned of the allegations as the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) investigated one Abbotsford officer, Const. Christopher Nicholson, for alleged criminal offences in 2013.

Nicholson was arrested and charged in May 2013 with breach of trust, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance. An Abbotsford police spokesman said Nicholson has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of his trial.

The OPCC says that during a review of the VPD investigation, more allegations of misconduct against Nicholson and 16 other Abbotsford police were found. The 16 other officers implicated in the investigation remain on duty.

Crime

Luka Magnotta abandons appeal

Luka Rocco Magnotta abandoned on Wednesday the appeal of his first-degree murder conviction in the slaying of Jun Lin, setting the stage for an eventual meeting between the killer and the victim's devastated father.

Quebec Court of Appeal Judge Genevieve Marcotte asked Magnotta if he was abandoning his appeal voluntarily. Magnotta replied he'd made up his mind. A lawyer representing Lin's family said Lin's father is now willing to meet with Magnotta to learn more about what happened. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mulcair vows NDP will fight anti-terrorism bill

Politics. Parties debate Harper government's controversial Bill C-51

Tom Mulcair cast his New Democratic Party as more courageous and principled than the Liberals as he came out four-square Wednesday against the Harper government's anti-terrorism bill.

The NDP leader's announcement underscored the degree to which the controversial Bill C-51 has become a political football in an election year.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has played on popular support for cracking down on extremists following the murder of two Canadian soldiers last fall, portraying opponents of the bill as soft on terrorism.

Hoping to inoculate himself from that charge, Justin Trudeau has said Liberal MPs will support the bill even if they fail to win amendments to ensure parliamentary oversight.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair during question period in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meanwhile, Mulcair labelled Trudeau's stance on the bill "pathetic" and urged the Liberals to reconsider.

"Mr. Harper and the Conservatives have intimidated the Liberals into supporting this deeply flawed legislation. We in the NDP are going to fight it."

NDP strategists are hoping Mulcair's opposition will help lure back progressive voters who have drifted from the NDP since the last election and toward the Liberals.

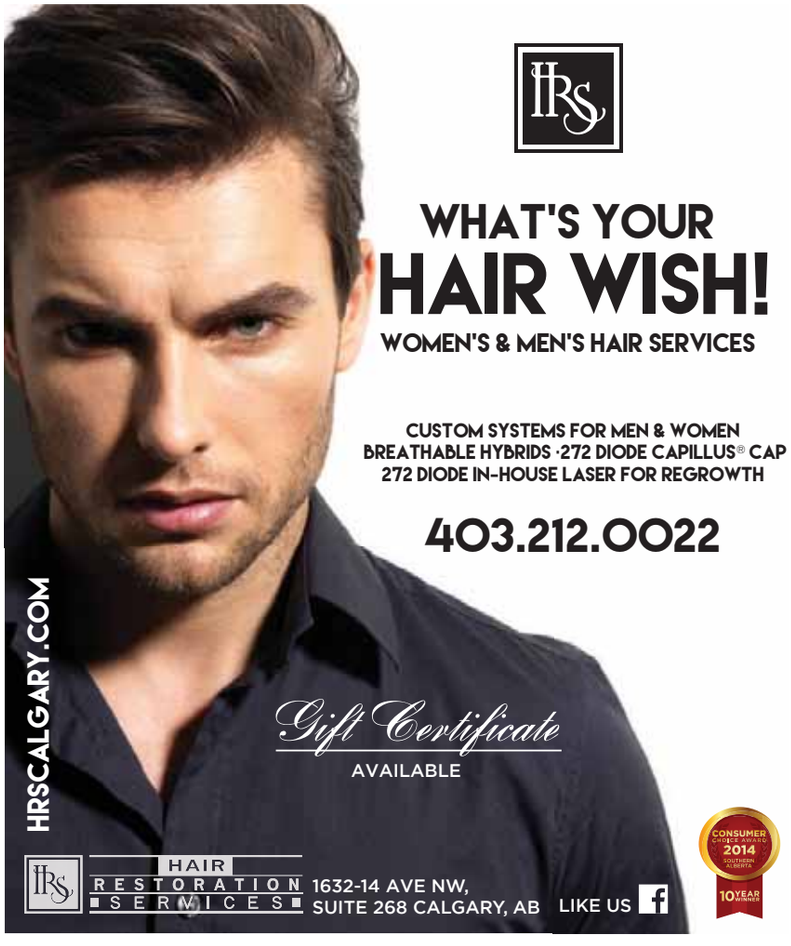
Mulcair likened his party's stand to former leader Tommy Douglas' courageous opposition to the War Measures Act, invoked by Trudeau's father Pierre, the Liberal prime minister during the October 1970 FLQ crisis.

Trudeau, however, countered by chiding Mulcair for making "personal attacks" on an issue that should be debated "in a respectful and non-partisan fashion."

But he then took his own shot at the NDP.

"The fact is the NDP has not once in its history supported strengthening anti-terror measures in this country," Trudeau said.

Harper echoed that charge in the House of Commons as he dismissed Mulcair's contention that the bill would allow security services to treat those involved in legitimate protest and dissent as would-be terrorists. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Ukraine rail hub falls

Debaltseve. Giving up the town could remove the major impediment to a lasting ceasefire

Government soldiers pulled out of a ferociously contested railway hub in eastern Ukraine on Wednesday, ending a siege so intense that retreating troops said they couldn't get water or food amid relentless shelling by Russian-backed separatists. At least six soldiers were killed in the withdrawal and more than 100 wounded.

President Petro Poroshenko sought to cast the fall of Debaltseve in a positive light, saying the pullback was carried out "in a planned and organized manner," despite assertions by exhausted and dirt-caked soldiers, some of whom made their way out on foot, that their forces suffered heavy losses.

The retreat appeared to be an acceptance by the Ukrainian leader of a humiliating defeat in exchange for a chance at pushing a shaky truce agreement forward and securing the pullback of heavy weapons.

The loss of Debaltseve was a setback for the army. The town is a strategic railroad junction on the most direct route between the separatist east's two major cities, Donetsk and Luhansk. By taking control, rebels gain transportation connections to boost their regions' capacity to function as a unified entity.

Its importance kept the battle raging even after a ceasefire went into effect Sunday and appeared to be mostly holding elsewhere after fighting that has killed more than 5,600 people since April.

Relinquishing the town could remove the major impediment to a lasting ceasefire and begin the next step that was agreed to in a peace deal last week — the pullback of heavy weapons by both sides to create a buffer zone at least 50 kilometres wide.

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While U.S. debates vaccines, Pakistan seeks to wipe out polio

A health worker gives a polio vaccine to a child at a bus terminal in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, on Monday. While vaccine distrust has sparked debates amid a measles outbreak in the United States, Pakistan is in a deadly battle to wipe out polio. Long eradicated in the West, polio remains endemic in Pakistan after the Taliban banned vaccinations, a problem compounded by targeted attacks on medical staffers and suspicions that linger about the inoculations.

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United States

Terrorists tainted Islam: Obama

Muslims in the U.S. and around the world have a responsibility to fight a misconception that terrorist groups like ISIL speak for them, President Barack Obama said Wednesday in his most direct remarks yet about any link between Islam and terrorism.

For weeks, the White House has sidestepped the question of whether deadly terror attacks in Paris and other Western cities amount to "Islamic extremism," wary of offending a major world religion or lending credibility to the "war on terror" that his predecessor waged. But as he hosted a White House summit on countering violent extremism, Obama said some in Muslim communities have bought into the notion that Islam is incompatible with tolerance and modern life.

"We are not at war with Islam," Obama said. "We are at war with people who have perverted Islam."

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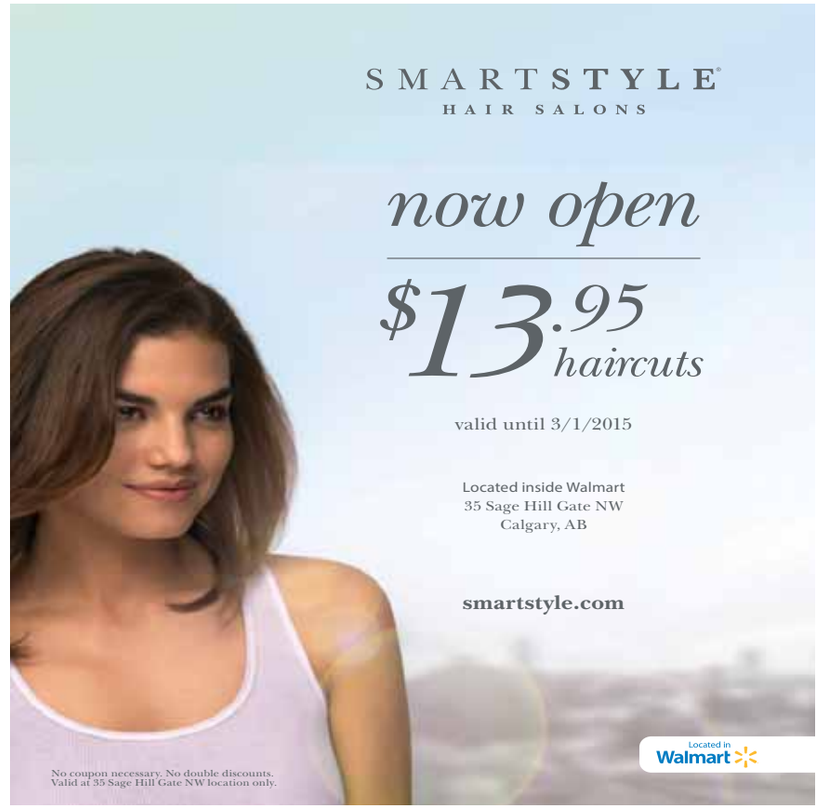

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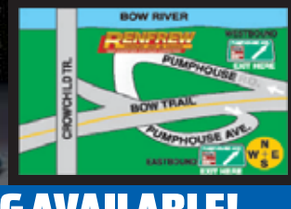

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Kidnapping trial begins

Court. Prosecutors allege U.S. rabbi used force to make unwilling Jewish husbands divorce their wives

Opening statements began Wednesday in the trial of rabbi Mendel Epstein, who faces charges of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and attempted kidnapping.

Prosecutors allege the Orthodox rabbi's team used brutal methods and tools, including handcuffs and electric cattle prods, to torture men into granting divorces. Defence attorney Robert Stahl says the Orthodox rabbi wasn't involved in any crimes and is a "champion of women's rights."

During their opening statement, prosecutors played a short, grainy clip of Epstein discussing a staged kidnapping with two undercover FBI agents. He tells them: "Basically, what we're going to be doing is kidnapping a guy for a couple hours."

The kidnap team brought surgical blades, a screwdriver and rope to a staged kidnapping in 2013, authorities have said. Epstein, who was indicted last May along with his son and three other Orthodox rabbis, allegedly told the undercover agents he arranged similar kidnappings every year or year and a half.

"If (the cattle prod) can get a bull that weighs five tons to move, you put it in certain parts of his body and in one minute the guy will know," prosecutors said Epstein told two undercover FBI agents posing as a brother and sister trying to force the sister's husband to grant the ritual Jewish divorce known as a "get." Prosecutors say he was recorded telling the agents the effort would cost at least $50,000.

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'The unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable'

In this photo taken Feb. 10, Gerald Sumner, huntsman and master of the hounds of Kimblewick Hunt, leads off the hunt in Ibstone, England. A decade ago, Britain banned fox hunting with hounds, a centuries-old blood sport Oscar Wilde dubbed "the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable." Fox hunting has deep roots in the countryside and strong opponents in the urban centres. The Hunting Act banned using dogs to kill the animals, though there are loopholes: Up to two hounds can chase foxes into open ground so they can be shot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sarah Lazar, a freelance graphic designer, is seen in her rented office space in Montreal on Feb. 9. Lazar uses the Breather app for her design firm, Cow Goes Moo. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

App helps people find office space

Business. Already running in Ottawa and Montreal, Breather will launch soon in Toronto

Sarah Lazar, a self-employed graphic designer, can't afford to rent a work space on a permanent basis. But the 26-year-old Montreal resident needs somewhere to meet regularly with clients; her last attempt at holding a business meeting in a coffee shop proved frustrating.

Breather, a mobile app that allows users to rent private work space by the hour, hopes to capitalize on the steady movement of people into the ranks of the self-employed and those working at home.

The service is available in Montreal, Ottawa, San Francisco and New York and will soon be launching in Toronto. So far, the site has about 50 locations and expects to have 200 spaces listed by July.

Breather users can rent a small work space for rates ranging from $15 to $40 an hour depending on the city, the space and the time of day. Spaces are furnished and equipped with Wi-Fi. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retirement

60% in Canada expect to work past 65: Poll

A new poll has found there are more Canadians who expect to be working past age 65 than those who expect to be retired. The annual Sun Life poll showed 60 per cent of respondents anticipated they would be working either full- or part-time when they reach 65.

Sun Life Financial says it's the first time in seven years that the number of Canadians polled who expect to still be working full-time past the normal retirement age (32 per cent) has surpassed the number of those who expect to be retired (27 per cent).

The poll was conducted online by Ipsos Reid, sampling 3,000 working Canadians between 30 to 65 years old from Dec. 5 to 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SEXING UP THE ELECTRIC CAR

Electric cars need to hit the sweet spot of affordability and attractiveness, and Apple has the know-how to do that, as it has proven with the iPod

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MP3 players weren't much to look at in 2001. Ugly and rarely intuitive, they didn't make a style statement and few people used them. Then came the iPod. The ads alone were enticing — the black silhouettes holding white iPods and earbuds, jamming in bus shelters, subway platforms and along major thoroughfares around the world. By making the iPod beautiful and usable, Apple's now-iconic designer Jonathan Ive made digital music players a thing.

That's what needs to happen to the electric car.

According to news in the Wall Street Journal, Business Insider and other publications this past week, Apple has undertaken a major project to develop one and is apparently recruiting auto-industry professionals in hordes. Images have been circulating online of test vehicles kitted out with sensors and cameras.

Although electric cars have been slow to be adopted in Canada, sales have been steadily increasing over the past year — but nowhere near the levels they need to be if Canada wants to cut its greenhouse-gas emissions significantly. An Apple electric car could be the tipping point we're looking for, the product that would make environmentally friendly vehicles cool.

People need to see how a new technology will benefit them before they adopt it. The largest group of people who bought electric cars in 2013 were 45-to-54-year-olds, according to recent research by Green Car Reports. But now that electric-car prices are falling, millennials are starting to be able to afford them — and their tastes matter, too. For millennials, form, function and environmental sustainability are equally important.

An Apple electric car could be just the tipping point needed to make fossil-fuel-burning vehicles obsolete. ISTOCK

Electric cars have environmental sustainability in the bag but, unfortunately, there's not an electric car today that quite hits the sweet spot of affordability and attractiveness. The one great-looking electric car, the luxury Tesla Model S, has a base price that's higher than the down payment on your average condo.

The relatively affordable electric cars currently available are odd-looking and don't have mass appeal. The frog-eyed Nissan LEAF and the giant dust buster Mitsubishi i-MiEV might work as niche-market products, like Smart Cars do. But will they get a generation buying electric? No.

Car buyers are looking for design that's a step ahead, not a light-year. Studies have shown that radically new and different products turn off consumers — RIP Crystal Pepsi and good luck to you, Google Glass. People tend to prefer new products that are easy to adopt and have design elements that are familiar. They don't like too much change too fast.

Beautiful and usable

By making the iPod beautiful and usable, Apple's now iconic designer Jonathan Ive made digital music players a thing. That's what needs to happen to the electric car.

The electric-vehicle industry needs a game-changer. An accessible, desirable product that will get everyone wanting to buy a whole new class of thing they never wanted before.

In 2001, your Discman seemed just fine next to the MP3 players of the day, but when you compared it to the iPod, you suddenly saw it as a relic of a bygone era.

There needs to be an electric car just as magnetic to make fossil-fuel-burning vehicles obsolete.

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

Women face double standard in justice system

STEPHANIE TAYLOR
Metro in Halifax

Two people in Halifax are accused of plotting to commit the same gruesome crime. Their guilt has yet to be determined by the justice system but, in the court of public opinion, judgment has already been cast on the suspects. One is being described as immoral and reprehensible. The other simply as a loner. The only difference between the two is that one is a woman and one is a man.

This is not an uncommon scenario, according to Kim Pate, executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, which advocates for women in the justice system.

"The expectation is that women are not supposed to be violent," she said. "If a woman commits a violent act, she is often seen as more morally blameworthy than a man would be in the same situation."

This perception, says Pate, is rooted in the way girls are socialized to be nurturers.

That may be a possible explanation for why readers are calling 23-year-old Lindsay Kanittha Souvannarath a "disgusting pig" who looks like "a $5 hooker," while her 20-year-old co-accused, Randall Steven Shepherd, is simply cast as deranged loner for allegedly plotting to shoot up a Halifax mall on Valentine's Day.

The reality is that most people expect criminals to be men, and when that's not the case, we're often thrown a bit off, said Catherine Latimer, from the John Howard Society of Canada.

"When you think in your own mind and visualize who's likely to be a terrorist or a criminal, you tend to think male," Latimer said.

That stereotype is based in some fact, according to a 2011 Statistics Canada report that found women mainly enter the criminal-justice system as victims, not perpetrators.

Using data from 2009, the report approximates that 233,000 females (both youth and adult) committed a Criminal Code offence, compared to more than 700,000 men.

Lindsay Kanittha Souvannarath

Randall Steven Shepherd

Welfare fraud, shoplifting, drug and solicitation charges — what Latimer calls "survival-based crimes" — are those most commonly committed by women, especially among those who are disenfranchised. Murder, meanwhile, continues to be a predominantly male crime.

As a reporter, I can attest that when a woman is a suspect of violent crime it warrants a higher level of newsworthiness than a man, simply for the public interest. Think of the responses to Victoria Henneberry — the woman charged with the first-degree murder of Loretta Saunders — who was met with venomous personal attacks compared to those against her boyfriend, Blake Legette, whose criminality seemed expected.

That double standard can play a destructive role to women in the justice system, warns Pate. Female offenders are often subject to harsher treatment throughout the judicial process — from police officers, Crown prosecutors, correctional officers, judges and even their own defence attorneys. Statistically, women are also handed longer sentences than men convicted of the same crime.

So what does this mean for the 23-year-old American woman accused of boarding a plane to carry out a mass shooting in Halifax?

That justice may be blind, but let's hope it's not sexist.

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For the kids

Pharrell Williams GETTY IMAGES

Pharrell wants to make kids Happy with new book

Pharrell Williams has a Happy book deal.

The Grammy Award-winning performer has an agreement with Putnam Books for Young Readers for four picture books, starting with one inspired by his hit song. Putnam announced Tuesday that the book, Happy, will be published Sept. 22 and will feature photographs of children from around the world "celebrating what it means to be happy."

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New Dr. Seuss tale to be released

More than 20 years after his death, there is still plenty of news about Dr. Seuss.

Random House Children's Books said Wednesday it will publish a recently discovered manuscript with illustrations called What Pet Should I Get, on July 28.

The author, whose real name was Theodor Geisel, died in 1991.

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His pretty little pictures now published in a book

Photography. Actor Keegan Allen looks at life behind the lens with his new work

Keegan Allen spends much of his life on camera on the ABC Family series Pretty Little Liars, but he spends his free time behind the lens, taking photos.

His love of photography was born at age 10, when his father (the late actor Phillip R. Allen) let him borrow a Leica M6, a range finder camera. "I was very introverted and that was my way of sharing my life with people ... I wanted people to relate to the images that impacted me," Allen, 25, says.

His new photography book, life.love.beauty, was recently published by St. Martin's Press.

Here Allen talks about photography and the identity of the mysterious character known as "A" on Pretty Little Liars.

Film vs. digital

I feel like something has been lost with digital (photography). There was something about shooting film that was romantic with time spent waiting to see what the image was. It was a lot more thoughtful. There was a process to it.

He's still learning

I don't consider myself in any way, shape or form a professional photographer. It's a hobby that I love and I'll continue to do it for the rest of my life and try to get as happy with the result as possible.

He knows the identity of killer 'A' on Pretty Little Liars

It's shocking, it's stunning, it's exhilarating, it's tremendous ... If you really go back to Season 1 and watch it all the way ... and you really pay attention, you will know and understand who it is from the clues that they place there ... It's a really amazing fable of four girls being traumatized by this character and (it's) pretty heartbreaking and gut-wrenching when you really find out.

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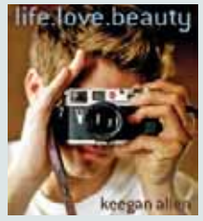
Allen on selfies

"I don't have a problem with selfies. I don't think anybody should have a problem with new things. ... It's just another form of expression and every form should be celebrated."



Keegan Allen has been taking pictures since he was 10 years old.

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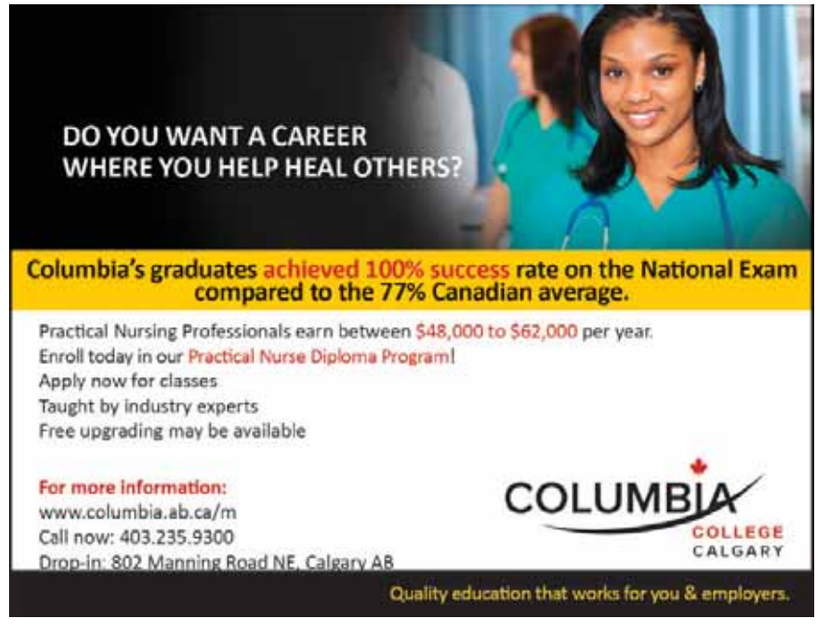
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Awards. Klein, Levant are on long list for $20K prize

Acclaimed writer Naomi Klein and former Sun News Network host Ezra Levant are competing for this year's $20,000 National Business Book Award.

Klein made the prize's long list for This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate (Knopf Canada), which is also a finalist for the $25,000 Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing.

Levant, winner of the 2011 National Business Book Award, made the cut this time for Groundswell: The Case for Fracking (Signal).

Other finalists include Peter Foster for Why We Bite the Invisible Hand: The Psychology of Anti-Capitalism (Pleasaunce Press) and Alfred Hermida for Tell Everyone (Doubleday Canada). THE CANADIAN PRES

Naomi Klein THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Ebooks

Digital imprint will focus on Warhol's Factory

Andy Warhol's Factory is going digital. Open Road Integrated Media has launched Factory Books, a line of ebooks about Warhol and the artists and bohemians he worked with starting in the 1960s. Titles include Stephen Koch's Stargazer: The Life, World and Films of Andy Warhol, Ultra Violet's Famous for 15 Minutes: My Years With Andy Warhol and Candy Darling's Candy Darling: Memoirs of an Andy Warhol Superstar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Awkward Black Girl jumps between mediums with grace

Memoir. Issa Rae, the force behind a massively successful web series, has an HBO deal and a new book on her teen years

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro in New York City

Twenty-six-year-old Issa Rae first found her voice with her Awkward Black Girl web series, which has hundreds of thousands of YouTube subscribers. Since then, she's launched her own initiative called Color Creative, producing pilots for women and minority writers, has a talk show on the Aspire network and is producing an HBO show with Larry Wilmore called Insecure. Somehow, she found time to write a collection of essays about being a teen, The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl. We called up Rae to get her to dish even more.

You have no shortage of projects to keep you busy. Why a book?
I've always wanted to write a book, ever since I was a little girl. (Originally), I set out to write a fiction book, but I was having a conversation with my editor and she was like, "Why don't you just write it about yourself? You're an awkward person, so what experiences made you awkward?"

How do you get to a mindset where you're unafraid to put it all out there?
Initially, it felt like writing in a journal, like it was just for me. Writing is a really intimate process because you're by yourself, so it just felt like me unloading on a page. It wasn't until I turned it in and my editor gave me the manuscript that I was like, "Oh s—, people are going to read this!"

Who was the first person you let read it?
My younger sister was the first person to read it in its entirety. I sent it to her being like, "I'm having anxiety issues about all that I revealed. Can you please read it and let me know if it's too TMI?" So she read it and was like, "You should let dad read it." I said, "Now there's a thought."

Issa Rae KAT CONTRERAS

Quoted

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Issa Rae, a.k.a. Awkward Black Girl

Uh-oh.
Right. But I did and it forced us to talk about some things that I never had talked to him about before. He was completely supportive. He told me, "You come from the social media generation where you guys put it all out there and you signed up to write this book." That said, he also told me my family did not sign up for it and I should be mindful of that. So I did go back and censor it a bit.

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Rick Salomon and Pamela Anderson ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Pam's divorce is tough on the Rottweiler

It's barely been a week since Pamela Anderson filed for divorce from husband Rick Salomon, and already tensions are escalating. The former Baywatch star is reportedly ordering him to remove his two daughters, ages 16 and 18, from her Malibu home immediately. She also wants his Rottweiler, Bumblebee, removed from the premises — so you know she means business.

Salomon, who is currently working in Las Vegas, reportedly "begged Pam to give him a week or two until they could find a new place," but Anderson isn't budging. This is the second time Anderson has filed to end her marriage to Salomon, and they were also briefly married in 2007 before Anderson had it annulled. Maybe this time it will stick? I just hope Bumblebee's OK.

Anti-vaxxers don't get to hold Kristen's baby

The backlash against parents opposed to vaccinating their kids has a new celebrity face: House of Lies and Veronica Mars star Kristen Bell, who has two infant daughters at home. "When Lincoln was born (two years ago), the whooping cough epidemic was growing, and before she was two months old, we simply said, 'You have to get a whooping cough vaccination if you are going to hold our baby,'" Bell tells the Hollywood Reporter. And she and husband Dax Shepard aren't loosening those precautions a bit with newborn Delta. "It's a very simple logic," she explains. "I believe in trusting doctors, not know-it-alls."

Kristen Bell

Buffy star busted again

You may recall Nicholas Brendon played Xander, circa early 2000s. He looks grown-up now, but the actor's allegedly been acting like a rowdy teen.

Oh, Xander. Oh, no. Former Buffy the Vampire Slayer star Nicholas Brendon has had his second run-in with the law in less than six months after being arrested in Ft.. Lauderdale, Fla. for grand theft and criminal mischief, according to TMZ. Brendon, who was in town to attend the Shock Pop Comicon fan event, allegedly trashed his hotel room and skipped out on the bill, leaving behind a $380 food and beverage tab plus $450 in damages. "While attending Shock Pop Comicon in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Nicholas was placed into a deplorable situation involving his professional arrangements and chose to react in an adverse manner. This reaction led to his arrest on Monday," a rep for the actor tells E! News.

Tom's got a thing for aliens

Tom DeLonge

When he's not fighting with his Blink-182 bandmates, Tom DeLonge is busy searching for proof of extra-terrestrial life. And, he insists in an interview with Paper, he's found it. "If anybody tells you there's no life in the universe, you should be turned off. That's just such a dumb thing to say," he tells the magazine. "It's totally, universally accepted amongst the country's elite scientific establishments that there's life everywhere. The question is what kind, where, how'd they get here, what are they doing when they get here, and how do we communicate with them?"

Perry almost wasn't a Friend

Matthew Perry

Can you imagine Friends with someone other than Matthew Perry playing Chandler Bing? Well, it nearly happened, all because Perry's business manager at the time told him he had no money and needed a gig badly. And before the script for Friends came along, he'd signed up to star in a sitcom pilot called LAX 2194, about "baggage handlers at the L.A. airport in the year 2194," he recently told Seth Meyers.

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TOP LOOKS FROM NEW YORK

Fashion Week is about to wrap in New York City where frigid weather failed to stop a parade of bright colours, furs and sequins. Here are four must-have looks inspired '70s palettes, feminine silhouettes and new-age glam.

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Grace Kelly meets Chaka Khan

Zac Posen said he was looking to mix and match his muses for fall. He worked in stretch jersey, included more day looks and ran with a '70s vibe, like this bright orange top paired with a long loose skirt of a similar shade. "We wanted more fluidity on the runway. I was feeling the glamour of Grace Kelly meets the spice of Chaka Khan. I draped most of the collection myself, on weekends. In my quiet moments," the affable designer said.

Inspired by nature

The Mulleavey sisters of Rodarte turned to migrating birds for inspiration. "It just felt ... natural," Laura Mulleavy said. "We weren't thinking of anywhere specific, just birds migrating from one place to another. Maybe leaving the city and going to a place that's more pastoral." Elaborately sequined, beaded, feathered dresses like this one — are those birds, too? "It all was, in a weird way," Laura Mulleavy said.

Pretty in pastels

Yellow, a prominent colour in J Crew's winter collection, is anything but mellow here. Jenna Lyons, the label's creative director, said she wanted to add "sparkle" to the line, which on the clothes manifested itself in the form of sequins, furs and oversized tailoring.

Gold rush

Georgine Ratelband wants to blur the line between casual and formal; classic and modern. The Milan-trained but New York City-based designer achieves her goal with this look in Georgine's fall 2015 collection that includes a shimmery jacket with a vintage-y textured trim, paired here with a flowy orange skirt.

Chantelle Winnie walked in New York Fashion Week. AFP

Profile. Canadian model is busy breaking the traditional runway mould

Chantelle Winnie is taking the fashion world by storm.

A young Canadian model, who loves an English breakfast of sausage, bacon and egg, is the It girl of diversity in a world pilloried for brutal uniformity.

Diagnosed with vitiligo at age four, the same skin disorder Michael Jackson had, she overcame bullying before being plucked from obscurity to appear on America's Next Top Model and, last year, was chosen as the face of Barcelona label Desigual.

She has become a spokeswoman for vitiligo, which causes white patches to appear across the body.

But it has not been an easy journey to the catwalk for Desigual at 2015 New York Fashion Week.

Winnie was rejected by every modelling agency in Toronto. Like any self-respecting wannabe, she built a profile on social media where she was discovered by Tyra Banks. AFP

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When you're sick, getting enough rest is key to recovering quickly.

If coughing is keeping you up all night, reach for something hot and soothing. SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES

A good night's sleep when you're sick

Bedtime. Steps to take to clear your sinuses

JACQUELINE KOVACS
For Metro

We all know that sleep is vital to health, but did you know it's doubly important to get that shut-eye when you're sick?

"Rest is your body's opportunity to recuperate," said Dr. Lisa Graves, chief of the department of family and community medicine for Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital.

Problem is, if you're coughing and sniffling, sleep can be as elusive as a Leafs' winning streak. But the good news is there are some simple strategies to quiet your cough and stifle your sniffles. And it's as easy as one, two, three.

Loosen up

Drink something warm and soothing — chamomile tea with honey, for instance, will make you sleepy, help quiet your cough and, because it's a hot liquid, it can help loosen that mucus buildup in your upper respiratory tract. Real chicken soup is another great choice: Researchers at Mount Sinai Medical Center tested the effectiveness of chicken soup on 15 people with colds and it proved more effective than hot water in helping to clear out sinuses. What you want to avoid are any cold drinks around bedtime — that same study found sipping something chilly can increase congestion.

Direct relief

Looking for an effective, drug-free way to clear your nasal congestion? Rinse your nose with saline. Delivered via a spray bottle or a neti pot, a nasal saline rinse will safely wash the mucus from your nose, giving you relief from all that stuffiness.

Warm up

Before you go to bed, take a hot shower or bath. The warmth and humidity prompts your sinuses to drain and triggers the lining in your nasal passages to contract.

Prop up

When it comes to keeping those sinuses drained, gravity is your friend. Try placing a few books under your mattress at the head of your bed, rather than propping your head up with extra pillows, which may injure your neck. Then, stick on a nose strip — it's a safe, easy way to literally open up your nose, allowing you greater breathing space.

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Add orange to make spring blossom inside

Ask a designer. A reader wants to inject colour into a neutral apartment

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I live in a condo which is nicely decorated with neutral grey tones. I'd like to brighten things up to help get me through this long winter. What would be a good colour to inject? — Sabrina in Halifax

One of the best colours to inject zing into a neutral interior is orange. It will help warm up the cool tones of grey and is a colour we are seeing as a big trend for spring/summer. Orange radiates warmth and happiness as it combines red (stimulating) and yellow (the cheeriest of all colours).

I suggest introducing this colour in accessories rather than investing in large furnishings, art or light fixtures. By adding dollops of orange around your home, you create surprise hits of zingy colour as you walk around.

Here's a lineup of budget-worthy accessories that will inject a burst of citrus into your apartment.

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Something as simple as a new shower curtain, towels and a mat will have your bath glowing with citrus. Never underestimate a window curtain teamed with a plastic liner to be used in the shower. Striped Voile Curtains, $10, Minimalist Border Towels, from $5, Simons.ca

Changing the largest accessory in the bedroom gives instant impact. Linen will add a soft, luxurious texture and soften with every wash. Belgian Linen Duvet Cover and Shams, $39-$129, WestElm.com

A colourful runner can sit in a foyer, in front of the sofa or along the foot of the bed. Classics; no matter what colour; will never go out of style and make great investments. Hand-Knotted Bijar Wool Rug (#722228), 4'x9', $185, eCarpetGallery.com

A focal wall of colour in the foyer will greet every guest with a splash of Florida sunshine goodness. This one goes particularly well with grey tones. Orange Blossom #2168-30, BenjaminMoore.ca

Two new chairs at the end of the table and some casual dishes will spruce up your dining experience. Vata Dining Chair Set (2), $259. TheBay.com. Miko Orange Collection, $10/plate, UrbanBarn.com

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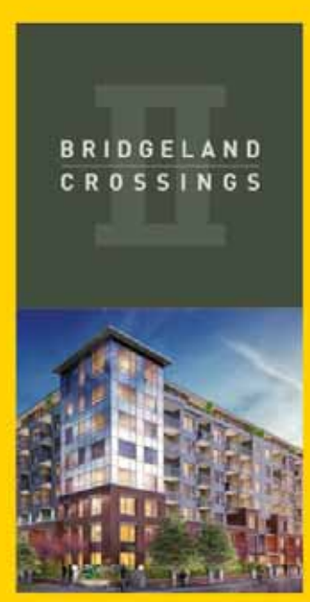

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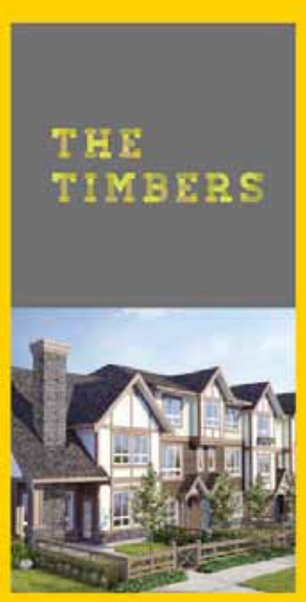

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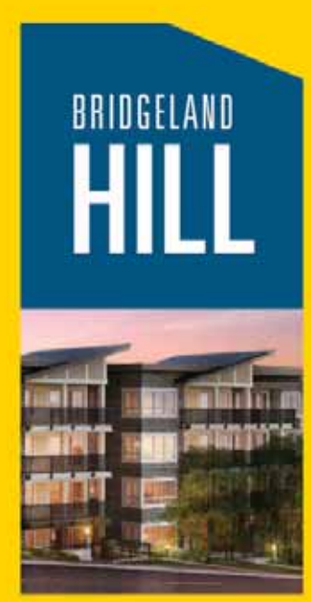

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Bringing cottage style life to the city

Cottage living is completely different from urban life. It's a lifestyle based on community, family and relaxation.

For those who work in Calgary but crave the lakeside lifestyle, the homes at Auburn Bay, a new neighbourhood in southeast Calgary, bring cottage-style living to the city.

"The homes at Auburn Bay were designed to give residents a sense of relaxation," says Lori Coté, Manager of Communications and Community Relations of Brookfield Residential, the developer of Auburn Bay.

The charming cottage-country architecture starts with the homes' landscaped stone entries, where cheerful details greet residents. Dormers, decorative gable ends, eyebrow windows, shutters, window boxes, cupolas and roof brackets set the homes apart from other developments in the city.

"'Charming' is the word to describe the style," says Coté. "Cottage-country details and quality craftsmanship are the hallmarks of homes here."

Families were a big consideration when Auburn Bay was in the design phase. "We wanted to create spaces where families could grow," Cote explains.

The homes start from the mid-$400,000s, and come in various sizes to allow families to move up within the community. The next phase of Auburn Bay includes 75 single front-garage homes; eight move-up, double-garage homes; and one single detached move-up with a double garage. Many units have enough parking space for three cars.

Front and rear yards give everyone ample green space. Select lots are pie-shaped, offering extra room for gardening, storage, and play.

Select units also include walk-out basements so residents can take full advantage of the outdoors from the privacy of their own homes.

Residents association is the heart of community

Lodge home to many events bringing neighbours together

Find these three things and you'll where you live: family, good friends, and a supportive community. For Auburn Bay, the heart of that community is the Auburn Bay Residents Association.

Set in a 13-acre park, the residents association ensures the community is well-cared-for and that its amenities are maintained and managed so residents can enjoy them for the long-term.

The 16,000-square-foot contemporary lodge offers myriad private amenities. When residents want to flex their muscles, they can head to the full-sized gym, reserve a room for yoga, or raise their heart rates on the outdoor tennis and volleyball courts. Have a private event you'd like to host? Residents can book the banquet hall and other multi-functional rooms for personal use.

When something is going on at the residents association, the whole community comes out. The frequent events and programs in Auburn Bay give residents the perfect excuse to meet their neighbours.

LIFE IN AUBURN BAY COMMUNITY

Until now, indulging in a weekend in "cottage country" was a concept relegated to the east coast. Not anymore.

Thanks to Auburn Bay, a new collection of homes in southeast Calgary, Calgarians can have their own piece of cottage country too.

The award-winning community gives young families and those looking for more space the chance to own an affordable cottage-style home with quick access to the city.

Auburn Bay is made up of more than 900 acres, with ample green space, and will become a collection of more than 6,000 homes, all framed around the community's private lake.

"The lake give residents so much more than they would get at a different development," says Lori Coté, Manager of Communications and Community Relations of Brookfield Residential, Auburn Bay's developer. "It's a hub of natural beauty and a gathering place. Our families create wonderful memories here."

In the summer, kids play in the sand, in the splash park or on one of the play structures in the development's nine parks. Adults can sit and socialize by the scenic stream and picnic area, located beside the beach.

In the winter, the toboggan hill is packed and the lake turns into a community rink.

And good news for those who enjoy the thrill of the catch: the 43-acre lake is stocked biannually with rainbow trout.

For your daily exercise, there's lots of room to walk, run and bike around the walking paths that weave throughout the community. Dog lovers can take advantage of the off-leash dog park, located a quick walk from home.

Auburn Bay residents will be able to find everything they need within a short drive to the shops and services of 130th Ave, Cranston Market or McKenzie Towne's High Street. A new shopping area now under construction in Seton will offer a plethora of restaurants, cafes, shops and services.

Brookfield Residential believes schools are at the heart of great communities and children deserve the opportunity to go to school in their own community where possible. The company continues to work with its partners at the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District to bring the vision to life.

If and when you need it, the South Calgary Health Campus is immediately to the south of Auburn Bay.

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When residents need to venture farther out, they'll have easy access to the future LRT Park n' Ride, planned for the eastern edge of the neighbourhood. Deerfoot Trail accessible alongside the development provides a fast-track into downtown Calgary.

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Townhouse project all about nature

Sonoma Nolan Hill surrounded by natural green space like ravines and walking paths

Looking for a new home in Calgary?

Sonoma Nolan Hill by Morrison Homes Multi-family Division offers ample green space. This 106-unit townhouse project in northwest Calgary is surrounded by a natural ravine coulee to the north and a municipal reserve to the east.

"Many buyers will enjoy the pet-friendly pathways that can be found throughout the community," says Carrie Smith, marketing specialist for Morrison Homes Multi-family Division.

The development connects to multiple walking paths throughout the community for residents to enjoy.

Homes start in the $310,000s. Buyers can choose from two- or three-bedroom plans in the two-level homes: The Arrival Unit and the Boulevard Unit.

"Sonoma gives new homebuyers an opportunity to get into the marketplace at an affordable price," says Rob Kennedy, vice president of Morrison Homes Multi-Family Division.

The home exteriors will greet residents and visitors with professional landscaping, refined architecture and high-end building materials such as James Hardie siding and El Dorado Stone.

Once you step through the door, the atmosphere is immediately warm and welcoming. The sleek finishes that will make Sonoma a pleasure to work and play in, with contemporary cabinetry, upgraded trim packages and stainless steel appliances.

"After the success of Sonoma Sage Hill we took the best of our designs and enhanced our specifications," says Kennedy. "Sonoma offers exceptional value."

Both plans feature 2.5 bathrooms and an attached garage to maximize your convenience.

The unique front-to-back, open-concept layout gives residents lots of window coverage. The Sonoma townhomes are not stacked, which means residents don't have anyone living above or below them — so they can enjoy peace and privacy.

"The exceptional finishes, abundant natural light and expansive green space make Sonoma at Nolan Hill a terrific home to invest and to live in."

Sonoma at Sage Hill, 881 Sage Valley Blvd. NW. morrisonhomes.ca.

SPIN TO WIN

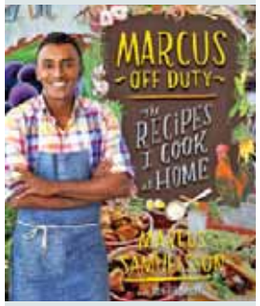
Feeling lucky? For a limited time homebuyers at Sonoma Nolan Hill can win one of three home-upgrade options in the community's Spin to Win promotion.

Every spin is a guaranteed win of one of three, including the Dream Kitchen upgrade, the Better Bathrooms upgrade, or the $5K Your Way upgrade.

The Sonoma at Nolan Hill contest starts for new purchasers February 17 online at sonomanolanhill.com/register.

Cookbook of the Week

Global flavours



What does celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson eat at home? Marcus Off Duty answers that question as the youngest chef ever to receive three stars from the New York Times shares the dishes he serves his loved ones.

The recipes blend an array of flavours from his Ethiopian, Swedish, Mexican, Caribbean, Italian and Southern American travels.

Recipes include Sweet Potato Gnocchi, Banh Mi Sandwich, Lamb Lasanga, Shredded Turkey Chili, Soha Chicken with Jollof Rice, and Sweet and Salty Mud Pie. **METRO**

Togetherness in an easy meal

Chinese New Year.
Say, 'Gung Hei Fatt Choi!' with Poached Chicken with Ginger-Scallion Sauce

"One of my favorite things to do is to visit Chinatown during Chinese New Year," writes award-winning chef Marcus Samuelsson in his book Marcus Off Duty.

"The meals during this holiday are symbolic, with dishes designed to bring good luck and prosperity for the coming year.

"But you don't need to be super-educated about the traditions to enjoy them. This whole poached chicken symbolizes joy and togetherness of family."

1. Put the chicken in a large stockpot and add just enough water to cover. Add the red chile and garlic. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for 20 minutes. Turn off the heat and let the chicken sit until the broth is lukewarm. Transfer the chicken to a carving board (reserve the broth for another use). Pat the chicken dry with paper towels and rub it lightly all over with the sesame oil. Cut the chicken into 8 serving pieces, arrange on a serving platter, and keep warm.

2. Heat the peanut oil in a small saucepan over high heat. When it shimmers, add the scallion strips. Sauté for 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Remove with a slotted spoon, drain on paper towels, and set aside for the garnish. Add the ginger to the pan and sauté for 30 seconds. Add the soy sauce, sherry, brown sugar, and lemongrass and bring to a boil. Remove the sauce from the heat and discard the lemongrass.

3. Garnish: Scatter the sliced scallions, cucumber, cilantro, and sesame seeds around the chicken. Top with the fried scallions and drizzle the sauce over all. Serve warm.

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Ingredients

- 1 (3 1/2-lb) chicken
- 1 red chile
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 3 tbsp sesame oil
- 6 tbsp peanut oil
- 3 scallions, cut into thin strips
- 1 (3-inch) piece ginger, peeled and minced
- 2 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp dry sherry
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1 lemongrass stalk, pounded

Garnish

- 2 scallions, thinly sliced on the bias
- 1 cucumber, peeled, halved, seeded, and cut on the bias
- Fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 tsp sesame seeds

This recipe serves four. PAUL BRISSMAN

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Canucks Indy-bound for scouting combine

NFL. Four Canadians looking to impress team reps and move on to gridiron glory

Ontario quarterback Brandon Bridge showed off his wheels in 2014, carrying the ball 101 times for 519 yards and four touchdowns with South Alabama. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

Four Canadians are auditioning their skills this week at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis, along with more than 300 prospects. How they perform will go a long way to determining where or if they're picked in the NFL draft, which runs from April 30 to May 2.

Here's a look at the four Canadians in action.

BRANDON BRIDGE

Pros: Has perhaps the strongest arm in the combine. He also has good size at six-foot-five, 235 pounds.

Cons: Very raw. Scouts question his accuracy and footwork.

Last season: Bridge, a Mississauga, Ont., native, started at South Alabama in 2014, where he completed 160 of 307 pass attempts for 1,927 yards and 15 touchdowns with eight interceptions. He also carried the ball 101 times for 519 yards and four TDs.

Prospects: Projected to be a mid- to late-round pick. Several NFL teams in need of a QB, including the Buffalo Bills, may take a look at him.

TYLER VARGA

Pros: A short, explosive runner for Yale who can power through tacklers.

Cons: The draft is stacked at running back. At 5-10, 227 pounds, Varga is thought to be too small to be a fullback and too big to be a running back.

Last season: At Yale, he is second among the school's top 10 career rushers with a 5.6 average per carry. His stock soared after a two-TD performance at the Senior Bowl, the premier senior showcase game.

Projection: Scouts believe the Kitchener, Ont., native's best chance to make the NFL is as a special-teams player.

BRETT BOYKO

Pros: Has good size as a 6-7, 310-pound tackle out of UNLV. Shows a lot of initial pop when he gets full extension, scouts say. Rated an excellent pass blocker, Saskatoon's Boyko is also the No. 1 Canadian heading into the CFL draft according to CFL Scouting Bureau.

Cons: Below-average strength at the point of attack.

Last season: Split time starting between left tackle and guard as a senior.

Projection: Scouts may shy away because he never played offensive tackle until he arrived at UNLV, and his learning curve will be very steep.

CHRISTIAN COVINGTON

Pros: A 6-3, 300-pound defensive tackle from Vancouver out of Rice University in Houston. He has natural power.

Cons: Scouts say his co-ordination is suspect.

Last season: His season was cut short when he dislocated his kneecap in second game, and he missed the rest of the year.

Projection: This combine is his best chance to raise his draft status. Scouts like his size — and they also like his genetic makeup. His father, Grover, was as a member of the Hamilton Ticats from 1981 to 1992, and is a member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Curling

Sweeting still perfect at Scotties

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones was due for a clunker. It finally happened Wednesday morning at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Jones made some uncharacteristic errors in a 9-6 loss to Nova Scotia's Mary-Anne Arsenault. It was her first defeat of the competition, and though she got back on the winning track in the evening draw with a 9-7 victory over New Brunswick's Sylvie Robichaud, she sits in second place with a record of 7-1.

Alberta's Val Sweeting stands as the lone unbeaten team at 8-0. The Edmonton rink beat Quebec's Lauren Mann 8-6 in the afternoon, and Ontario's Julie Hastings 8-5 in the evening.

Arsenault improved to 4-5 later in the day with a 7-6 win over Rachel Homan and Team Canada (6-2). THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

11-time all-star Barrow dead at 79

John Barrow, the rugged offensive and defensive lineman who helped the Hamilton Tiger-Cats win four Grey Cup titles, died Tuesday at the age of 79.

Barrow played 14 seasons with the Ticats (1957-70) and was named a CFL all-star on 11 occasions.

He was the Eastern nominee for the CFL's Most Outstanding Lineman six times, winning the award in 1962. As the anchor of the Ticats line, Barrow was also named the CFL Lineman of the Century in 1967. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Senators goalie Andrew Hammond makes one of 42 saves in his first NHL start on Wednesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hammond's debut a gem

NHL. Senators' goalie saves 42 as Ottawa tops Canadiens in his first league start

On Wednesday

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Andrew Hammond made 42 saves in his first NHL start and led the Ottawa Senators to a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens Wednesday night.

Milan Michalek, Jean-Gabriel Pageau, Mark Stone and Kyle Turris, into an empty net, scored for the Senators (23-23-10).

Dustin Tokarski made 35 saves for the Canadiens (37-16-4), who got goals from Max Pacioretty and Nathan Beaulieu.

Hammond was called into action Monday to replace starter Robin Lehner, who was hurt toward the end of the second period against Carolina. Lehner was unable to play Wednesday and with Craig Anderson already out with a hand injury, Hammond got the start.

The Senators opened the third period with a 2-1 lead before Stone gave them some insurance with a power-play goal at 9:27.

Erik Karlsson's shot hit the post and then Tokarski's pads, before coming to a rest six inches from the goal line. Stone was first to the puck and was awarded the goal after video review confirmed it wasn't kicked in.

That goal wound up being rather large as Beaulieu scored at 14:25, cutting the Ottawa lead to 3-2.

There was no scoring in the first period but there were several opportunities as the teams combined for 27 shots and three goal posts — including one by Canadiens forward Brandon Prust, who struck iron despite being alone at the the crease in front of a wide open net. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL. Red Wings edge Blackhawks in Chicago

Tomas Tatar scored in regulation and in the shootout, leading Jimmy Howard and the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Wednesday night.

Gustav Nyquist also scored in the tiebreaker for Detroit, which won for just the third time in 11 shootouts this season. Darren Helm had a goal and an assist, and Howard made 32 saves through overtime.

Jonathan Toews gave Chicago the lead with a goal in the first round of the shootout, but Patrick Kane's backhander went off the crossbar, and Patrick Sharp was stopped by Crawford on the final attempt.

Brandon Saad and Kris Versteeg scored in regulation for Chicago, and Corey Crawford had 26 saves. The Blackhawks dropped to 2-0-3 on their season-high eight-game homestand.

The Original Six rivals again played a close game that featured a solid performance by each goalie. They exchanged goals in a 39-second span of the second, and then a 43-second stretch of the third. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MMA

UFC to pour millions into drug testing

In the wake of a spate of high-profile doping cases, the UFC has announced plans to spend millions to expand drug testing.

The organization also said it will press for far more severe doping penalties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cycling

Lance Armstrong pleads guilty to careless driving

Lance Armstrong pleaded guilty to careless driving for hitting two parked cars with his SUV in Aspen, a crash his girlfriend originally tried to take the blame for, a prosecutor confirmed Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lance Armstrong
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Champions League

Ronaldo leads Real Madrid to win at Schalke

Cristiano Ronaldo helped holder Real Madrid beat Schalke 2-0 in the last 16 of the Champions League Wednesday.

Ronaldo headed home in the 26th and set up Marcelo for the second goal in the 79th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGMENTED REALITY

Stuck on 12 Across? Scan this image with your Metro News app for today's crossword and Sudoku answers. It's OK. No one's watching.

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Avoid extremes today. Mercury's link to Saturn means you need to stay on good terms with everyone, especially people in positions of power.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
This is a good day for thinking but not such a good day for making decisions. Whatever you decide over the next 24 hours you are likely to have second thoughts about.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are looking for excuses to avoid something that must be done. But you you made an agreement that you must keep.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The planets suggest you will say something shocking today, just for the fun of it. It may be amusing to you but others won't be so happy about it and your reputation could suffer.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
It may be that what a friend or family member has to tell you has some value in it, but what does your inner voice say? You are reluctant to trust your instincts but, ultimately, you can't trust anything else.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may disagree with someone's opinions today but you would still be wise to listen. It could be they know something that you don't.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something you are told may not ring true but don't dismiss it. Conversely, something else you are told may seem obvious but don't just accept it. The only thing you can be sure of today is that nothing is for certain.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Even if you strongly disagree with what someone is doing you are advised not to make a big deal of it. They may want to draw attention to themselves.

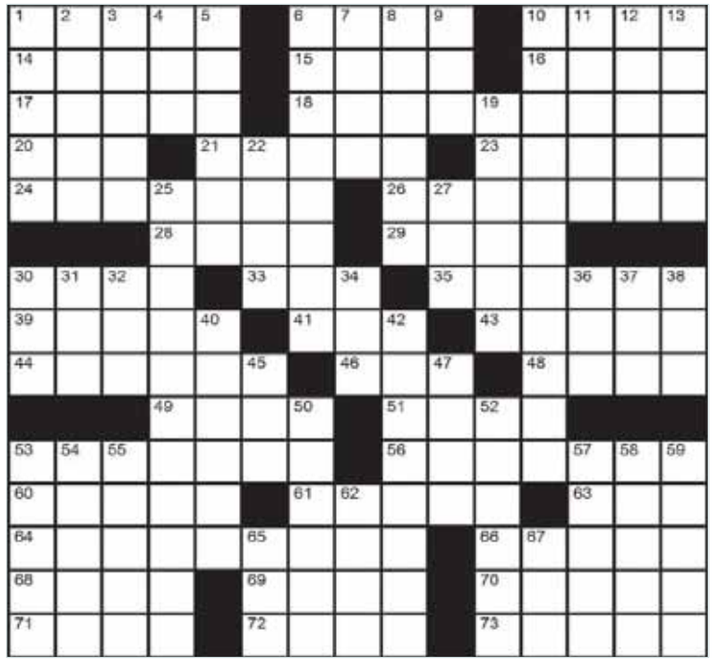
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Social activities will be fun over the next few days but you will spend too much money. If you have to go cap in hand to a loved one for a loan later expect them to want something back.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone you live or work with will tell you something you don't want to hear. You know it's true so swallow your pride and act on the information.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be careful what you wish for over the next 24 hours because you may decide later that you don't want what you wished for. But you won't be allowed to change your mind.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you are asked to give more than you think is fair today, speak up about. If it means you fall out with someone, so be it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



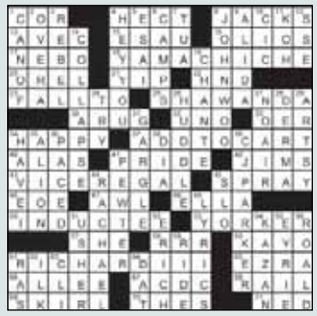
Across

1. Better skilled
6. Honey
10. Hurricane Katrina org.
14. Offence
15. In an unwell way, say
16. The Good Earth heroine
17. Accumulate a restaurant tab: 2 wds.
18. British Columbia village in the Robson Valley
20. Shiba __ (Dog breed of Japan)
21. 1987 Heart hit
23. Confuse things
24. Secret agent's file
26. Wheeled stretchers
28. Camaro model, __-Z
29. Ms. Falco
30. Laze
33. Beak
35. Ms. Lauder's
39. Egyptian city
41. "Spider!"
43. Birthdays: "Make _ __!"
44. Spanish wine
46. Particular pronoun
48. Single occurrence
49. "Wait just _ __!"
51. Attire
53. Endurance
56. Creamy carnivorous dish, Chicken _ __ __
60. Phantom's instrument
61. Not as well-done, as steak
63. Grandmother's nickname
64. Quebec City's former NHL team
66. Japan's city of canals
68. Movie-__
69. Dilbert comics intern
70. Musical group of nine
71. Dagger
72. TV brand
73. Garden huts

Down

1. Bitter
2. Keyboard playing student in "Fame" (1980)
3. Blanket-carrying Peanuts character
4. Australia's coat of arms animal
5. Mend
6. Montreal-born actress Norma Shearer won the Best Actress Oscar for her performance in "The __" (1930)
7. Panache
8. Declare in a motion
9. Loaf selection
10. "Chopped Canada" airer: 2 wds.
11. Dodge
12. Macho
13. Poker stakes
19. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Tomei
22. Singer/guitarist
25. Film for which Toronto-born actor Walter Huston won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar, "The Treasure of the __ __" (1948)
27. Ulan-__, city in Russia
30. 'Electron' suffix
31. "Lah-di-__!"
32. Whopper
34. Jay Z's wife, to pals
36. German article
37. Keyboard key
38. "__-Devil" (1989)
40. Noble family of Italy
42. Canadian singers/identical twin brothers, Ryan and Dan __
45. Currency in Japan
47. River to the Ubangi
50. Opera tenor, Enrico __ (b.1873 - d.1921)
52. Mr. Eckhart's
53. Ranked-things on Billboard
54. Royal __ Golf Club, in Scotland
55. Concur
57. Ludicrous
58. "The __ Chef" (Jamie Oliver's old cooking show)
59. Teeny biting flies
62. "__ Flux" (2005)
65. '_' __ in Quesnel
67. Note before Lah

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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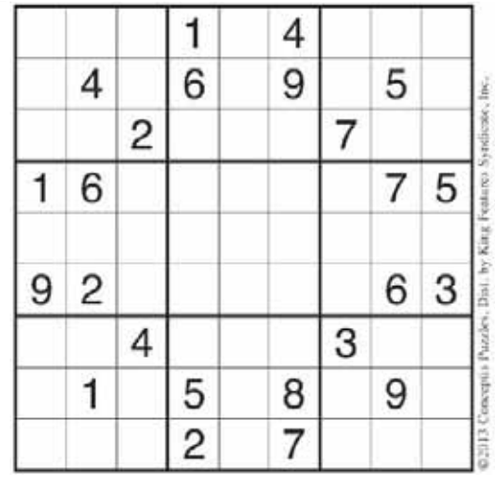

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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9	7	1	2	4	8	3	6	5
2	6	4	3	5	1	9	7	8
6	5	2	1	8	4	7	3	9
1	4	3	9	6	7	5	8	2
7	8	9	5	2	3	6	1	4
3	9	7	4	1	2	8	5	6
4	1	6	8	3	5	2	9	7
8	2	5	6	7	9	1	4	3

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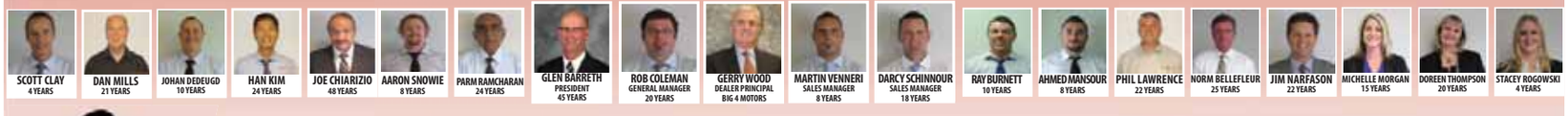

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